



Regular Meeting

October 5, 2020

Regular Meeting - 7:00pm

Call to Order: Mayor Stankiewicz called the regular meeting to order at 7pm. Present were Mayor Stankiewicz and Council Members Reginald Jackson, Marichal Price, Mandy Neese, Mark Ayers and Toni Striblin. Also present were City Manager Jonathan Lynn, City Attorney Alex Dixon, Assistant City Manager Lisa Kelly, Community Development Director Lynne Miller, and Chief of Police Brian Harr. Alex Dixon gave the invocation and Mayor Stankiewicz led the pledge.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Council Member Neese moved to approve the consent agenda adding Mike Moon under Citizen Appearance and striking #3, Sanitation – Monthly Rate Increase. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jackson

Roll Call Vote: Jackson (Yea), Price (Yea), Neese (Yea), Ayers (Yea), Striblin (Yea).

Motion Passed 5-0

CITIZEN APPEARANCE

1. Mr. Mike Moon addressed the Mayor & Council with a gift to the City in celebration of the City's 150th birthday. He has written two books and gave high quality old photos of the City. Each photo is marked. Books were given to each member of Council and the Mayor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *1st Reading - Ordinance Amendment to Expand the Historic Preservation Commission*

City Attorney Alex Dixon read the 1st reading of the proposed amendment increasing the number of seats on the Historic Preservation Commission board from 5 to 7. No action was taken at tonight's meeting.

2. *Resolution - Local Buying Preferences*

Motion: Motion was made by Council Member Striblin to approve the resolution in support of purchasing locally whenever possible. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jackson.

Roll Call Vote: Price (Yea), Neese (Yea), Ayers (Yea), Striblin (Yea), Jackson (Yea)

Motion Passes 5-0

3. *Sanitation - Monthly Rate Increase*

This item was stricken from tonight's agenda.

4. Board Appointment - Hogansville Cemetery Board

Motion: Motion was made by Council Member Striblin to re-appoint John McKibben to the Cemetery Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jackson.

Roll Call Vote: Neese (Yea), Ayers (Yea), Striblin (Yea), Jackson (Yea), Price (Yea)

Motion Passes 5-0

5. Board Appointment - Keep Troup Beautiful

Motion: Motion was made by Council Member Neese to appoint all three members, Lynne Miller, Jeff Shelby, and Arlynda Almond, to the Keep Troup Beautiful Board, seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Roll Call Vote: Ayers (Yea), Striblin (Yea), Jackson (Yea), Price (Yea), Neese (Yea)

Motion Passes 5-0

6. Discussion of Event Permits

Discussion: Mayor Stankiewicz began by stating Troup County COVID-19 numbers are unexplainably on the rise again and is very concerned of holding events in the City. The Hummingbird festival was cancelled out of an abundance of caution. Other people want to have events, even though smaller, events none the less. Concerned for the safety of all citizens. Asking the Council to pass a moratorium for events for the time being. Lynn explained no event permit applications been requested or approved at this time. According to the ordinance, there is no criteria for public health & safety issues. Striblin does not consider Alive after 5 an event, more of a sale. As long as protocol is being followed, she does not feel people should be stopped. Ayers noted it appears this is being prompted by an upcoming event and an ordinance would have no teeth prior to the event. Trying to make downtown a little more fun than previous "Alive after 5" events. Mayor interjected as a Hummingbird Festival representative stating the festival has raised over \$500,000 and purchased property and donated to the City and contributed to grant matches for many years. The festival board specifically asked the upcoming event coordinator not to hold an event on festival weekend, which was agreed to. There should be some consideration taken for the importance of the festival. Striblin stated she is very appreciative of the festival volunteers and how the festival brings people to the local businesses but the focus should be on Hogansville and keeping businesses afloat. Ayers noted the whole picture has not been given. Lots of things were cancelled this year and it is unfortunate. One business owner came forward and wanted to have a smaller type festival with around 30 vendors. She was approached by members of the community and charitable trust to not hold the type of event she was looking to hold. Best efforts were made not to offend and she changed the event to a very downscaled version. The event coordinator is waiting on tonight's decision to officially apply for the event permit.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Personnel Exemption
2. Property Acquisition Exemption

Motion: Council Member Neese moved that the City Council move into Executive Session at 7:58 pm.
The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Roll Call Vote: Ayers (Yea), Striblin (Yea), Jackson (Yea), Price (Yea), Neese (Yea)

Motion Passes 5-0

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 8:22 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Neese and dually seconded, Mayor Stankiewicz adjourned the meeting at 8:23pm.

Respectfully,



Lisa E. Kelly
Assistant City Manager
City of Hogansville